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1. PALESTINE: US considers Israeli refugee offer unsatisfactory--
The Department of State has informed the Israeli Ambassador in Washington that the US does not consider the Israeli offer to repatriate 100,000 Arab refugees a satisfactory basis for contributing to an ultimate solution of the refugee problem. Although the US remains unwilling to assume responsibility for naming a final figure, the Department indicated to the Ambassador that 230,000 refugees, as suggested for repatriation under the Gaza strip proposal, would be considered the minimum number acceptable.

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2. CHINA: Canton expected to fall in immediate future--US
Counselor Clark in Canton indicates that the military situation is deteriorating so rapidly that the Embassy may be compelled to leave Canton before 15 August. Clark requests that a decision be expedited on his recent recommendation that the Canton consulate be closed, that all consular and diplomatic personnel be withdrawn from Communist-occupied areas, and that mission, business, and professional groups be advised to withdraw their personnel from China.

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